Downing Urges New JFK Probe

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Rep. Thomas N. Downing (D-Va.) told the House, Thursday a "cover-up' occurred during the Warren Commission's investigation of the assassination of the as- the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"There is an overwhelming abundance of evidence that indicates that Lee Harvey Oswald could not have been a lone assassin, Downing said.

Downing criticized the House Rules Committee for failing to act on his resolution to create a select committee to investigate the assassination.

"Why would there be reluctance on the part of the leadership and the committee?" Downing asked. "Have they been told by the intelligence community . . . what really did happen to our young President?"

Downing said evidence accunulated over the past 13 years "indicates that the Warren Commission unfortunately may have made no real effort to get to the bottom of the killing.

"Evidence which has come vividly and dramatically to light in recent months was withheld from the commission," Downing said. "Some of it has been revealed by committees and subcommittees of this House. It points to a cover-up. The commission deserved better than that."